

(19)



Europäisches Patentamt

European Patent Office

Office européen des brevets



(11)

EP 0 743 321 A2

(12)

EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION

(43) Date of publication:

20.11.1996 Bulletin 1996/47

(51) Int Cl.⁶ C07K 14/00

(21) Application number: 96303478.0

(22) Date of filing: 16.06.1996

(84) Designated Contracting States:

AT BE CH DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LI LU NL
PT SE

(30) Priority: 19.05.1995 US 445305

(71) Applicant: ELI LILLY AND COMPANY

Indianapolis, Indiana 46285 (US)

(72) Inventors:

- Helung, Hansen Maxwell
Carmel, Indiana 46032 (US)

• Smith, Dennis Paul

Indianapolis, Indiana 46254 (US)

(74) Representative: Tapping, Kenneth George et al

Lilly Industries Limited

European Patent Operations

Erl Wood Manor

Windlesham Surrey GU20 6PH (GB)

(54) **Obesity gene product**

(57) This invention is in the general field of molecular biology as applied to pharmaceutical or animal health research and development. The invention includes pro-

teins, DNA compounds, vectors, and methods useful for expressing proteins that are regulate the body's volume of adipose tissue.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**EP 0 743 321 A2**